3546 Brandywine Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008
July 10, 2003

Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Griffis,

We are writing to ask for you to support Case #17022, the request from the Edmund Burke School to expand their facilities. This case is scheduled to be heard by the BZA on July 15, 2003.

Our daughter has been a Burke student for 3 years, and will be entering the 10th grade in September. We are also residents of the district in which the school is located.

Burke has made many changes over the past year to be responsive to the concerns of the DDOT, the ANC and the school's neighbors. These concerns resulted in the rejection of Burke's application last year by the BZA. We have been involved with (supporting and complying), with these changes and intend on doing so in the future (especially as infractions can result in our daughter's dismissal from the school – which we sincerely do not wish to happen!).

On July 15, 2003, you will hear about the traffic plans that have been instituted – and which have proven to reduce congestion in the area – and about the new building and parking that will alleviate traffic even more. You will also hear about Burke's efforts to communicate and work with the neighbors.

This school has been a valuable city institution for over 30 years. With thousands of families (like our family) relying on private education, and the demand for private schools increasing, urban private schools like Burke need to be able to renovate and modernize in order to sustain quality educational services. Burke's facility expansion plans are modest, reasonable and responsive to the neighborhood.

Please support and approve Edmund Burke School's application #17022.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth M Casey

Betsy Casey and Bryant Withrow

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